

DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

February 5, 2001

The District V Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 21st Street & Ridge Road.

Members Present

David Almes
Bob Bulman
David Dennis
Maurice Ediger
Fran Hoggatt
Andy Johnson
Vince Miller
Texanita Randle
Bob Sorenson
Council Member Bob Martz

Members Absent

Sean Cash
Margarita Farelle-Hunt

Staff

Sandy Mackey, Police Department

Council Member Bob Martz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed the public to the District V Advisory Board (DAB) meeting. He explained to the public that the DAB members serve in a volunteer position and no compensation is made to them for performing this work. He also explained that the purpose of the DAB is to represent the residents of the 5th District in matters such as the issues on tonight's agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Martz asked for any corrections for the January 8, 2001 minutes. With none noted, **Bulman (Almes)** moved that they be approved as mailed. Motion passed 9-0

Public Agenda

Council Member Martz acknowledged members of the public who were present to address concerns regarding proposed zone changes in the Barefoot Bay area in the vicinity of 29th Street North and Ridge. The issue is to go to the MAPC on February 22. **Gary Cook**, representing the Barefoot Bay Homeowners Association, shared concerns about the re-zoning of a tract currently zoned Light Commercial or Light Industrial. The property is approximately 2 ½ acres total and was originally owned by the Ritchie Corporation. A written agreement existed stating that Ritchie Corporation would not develop the property beyond the Ritchie house located on the property. However, Ritchie has sold the property and the current owner is proposing the development of eight lots with each approximately one-third acre in size.

Cook stated that residents are concerned about safety on the lake, increased boat traffic and the number of boats the proposed sub-division would add to the shared lake. He was also concerned about how the increased use of the lake would impact the lake's appearance.

A question was raised if the need to change zoning to Residential was necessary in order to subdivide for housing. Council Member Martz did not know and no Planning staff was unavailable to address due to no cases being reviewed at the meeting. Because the case could not be scheduled for DAB review until the March meeting, Council Member Martz suggested that the issue be addressed at that meeting through the public hearing process. No City Council action would take place until the case is reviewed. Mr. Cook and the other residents of Barefoot Bay present agreed to Council Member Martz' recommendation.

Dennis (Johnson) moved that the issue should come before the DAB before the Council takes Action. Motion passed 9-0.

Action: Recommend that the DAB review the Planning request at the March meeting before the case is presented to City Council. (9-0)

Board Agenda

Community Policing Report

Community Police Officer Mackey reported that burglaries in business located in strip malls were continuing. SCAT did apprehend a couple of but burglaries are still happening. Thirty incidents had occurred last month compared to 103 in the previous two months. Theft from automobiles parked in private driveways is also occurring. Officer Mackey warned those citizens present not to leave loose change, purses, or other valuables in your car as you park it at your home.

Bulman reported an increase in vandalism in his residential area including cars driving across public areas and lawns of residential developments. Officer Mackey responded that they were aware of these concerns and suggested that Neighborhood Watch be put on alert, or established.

Carr Paving Proposal

Terry Schmidt, a resident of the area, reported that she had met with the owner of Precision Pattern as previously discussed at an earlier DAB meeting. She reported that the owner had indicated a willingness to support the paving project by paying 20% of the cost of paving (approximately \$16,000). **John Didier, PCI Newco**, indicated his agreement to also contribute to the paving. He stated that he had also sent a memo to his employees addressed the speeding complaints expressed in previous meetings. Didier asked about the access to Maize Road and Lark Lane during the rebuilding of Kellogg. **Council Member Martz** described the construction features of the new street.

Dan Johnson, 1660 S. Lark Lane, presented a petition opposing the paving of Carr from Lark Lane to Stoney Point Lane. He stated that 75% of the residents have signed the petition.

Council Member Martz explained that those residents who have difficulty paying the assessment could apply for a Hardship Deferral through the Public Works Department.

George Walta, Terry Schmidt, and an unidentified third resident of Carr Street indicated that they would be happy to give up their portion of the 20% to be contributed by Maize Road

businesses and pay their full portion of the cost. They suggested that in doing so, the residents who are not in favor of paving Carr Street could enjoy a greater portion of the underwriting.

Bulman (Dennis) moved that Carr Street be paved between Lark Lane and Stoney Point Lane as proposed by the City and that Public Works staff explore a variety of payment methods.

Action: The Board recommend paving Carr Street between Lark Lane and Stoney Point Lane as proposed by the City and that a variety of payment methods be explored by Public Works staff (9-0).

District Advisory Board Surveys

Council Member Martz asked that the survey be completed and returned by the end of the meeting if not already submitted.

Action: No action required.

New Business

Council Compensation Charter Ordinance

Willy Foyer, 1652 NW Parkway, asked to be recognized and stated that he is totally opposed to the increase unless the City does not utilize a City Manager and staff system. He felt each of the Council Members should take on the management of the different divisions such as Parks, Water, Public Works, etc. With those responsibilities, he felt the pay of \$45,000 for Council Members and \$47,500 for the Mayor was justified.

Deb Clark, 1614 N. Robin Circle, was recognized and stated that she felt that the position should be full-time. She asked why it was just part time and so poorly compensated. She was unable to find a job description for the positions of City Council and Mayor and felt that if the descriptions listed all of the responsibilities that they would certainly support the increase.

Council Member Martz responded, emphasizing that his comments were only opinion. He stated that the job is clearly a full-time position, stating that he spends 40 hours plus in a typical week. He also noted that his responsibilities are not just in District V, but cover the entire city. As a result, the reading of the information pertinent to all issues is very time-consuming. He acknowledged that he was aware of the compensation when he ran for the elected position but was not prepared for the hours required hours if the Council person desires to perform to the best of their ability. Council Member Martz noted that the elected official and the professional staff must work together with the Council setting policy and the staff implementing the processes and procedures. Both areas are complex and require skills and qualifications unique to getting the job done.

The comments were followed by a discussion by the DAB including the following points:

Bob Bulman: Suggested the Mayor's position be rotated among City Council members with a total council of seven persons.

David Almes: Stated it was obvious that increased pay for the Council and the Mayor was needed.

David Dennis: Noted the position paper written by Joan Cole and supported the thinking that the Council deserves the increase. He believes all the current Council Members are doing their job well. However, concerns exist for Council passing the proposed ordinance, feeling it would be “political suicide.” Recommends that it be put to a vote of the citizens.

Maurice Ediger: Stated that the citizenry will not vote for it due to “man’s nature.” Compared the list of 14 duties given in the background paper to the responsibilities of the local Board of Education who have most of the same duties with no compensation. Current perception is that the structure is layered. Need to stop government growth.

Vince Miller: Having been a city administrator of a small city in Wisconsin, he is aware of the responsibilities of Wichita City Manager Chris Cherches and recognizes that he is actually under staffed. In 1987, the City divided into districts and the Council and City became more interactive and more hands-on. The way Bob (Martz) runs District V is reflected in the way the business have committed to helping pay the paving costs on Carr. He supports increasing the Council salaries but feels the Mayors increase is too much.

Andy Johnson: Agrees the education system overall is underpaid and feels that \$30,000 is underpaid for a Council members but \$75,000 is too high for the Mayor. He will support the increase to \$30,000.

Texanita Randle: If the salary were more in line with business salaries, the City would get a broader range of people running for the office.

Fran Hoggatt: At the current salary, if you were to take a penny from each budget dollar and cut it into 26 pieces, one of those 26 pieces would go to pay for the leadership of this city. If you have been to the library at City Hall where the shelves are crowded with regulation and policy manuals are kept, you would have some idea of just how much reading is required to perform the duties of a Council Member. If you go to the many events the city offers such as Home Show, Garden Show, River Festival, Symphony, Music Theater, Friends of the Library, Ground Breaking Ceremonies and the large number of fund raisers for the many charities who call upon the leaders for their attendance and support, you would recognize the many, many hours they contribute in support of these important City happenings. If we are to attract and retain top-notch leaders we must offer adequate compensation, or we will get “rubber stamp” legislators. We must pay enough so that they can at least pay someone to answer their phones while they have to be away from their business on city business. If we expect our Council Members to take the time to interact with the citizens and be more hands-on, we must increase their pay to reflect the time and responsibility involved in their positions.

Bulman (Randle) moved that the increase be recommended for the Council members. Motion carried 8-1 with Dennis opposing to represent the citizens even though he personally agrees with the recommendation to increase.

Council Member Martz asked that the DAB recommend an increase amount. **Bulman (Ediger)** moved that no increase be recommended for the position of mayor. A discussion followed regarding support for a pay increase to the mayor position with several members agreeing that that \$50,000 would be reasonable. The motion to not increase the salary for the mayor’s position carried 5-4 with Johnson, Miller, Hoggatt and Sorenson voting in opposition to the motion.

Almes (Johnson) then moved to recommend an increase to \$30,000 for each Council member’s

position. Motion carried 8-1 with Bulman voting in opposition of the motion and voicing support for a pay raise of 10% less than the Mayor's current pay for the Council members.

Action: Recommendations through three separate motions to increase the Council members' compensation (8-1); to not increase the pay for the mayor position (5-4); and, to increase the Council members' pay to \$30,000, as proposed in the ordinance.

Other

Report on Police Focus Group

Bulman, Johnson, and Miller participated in the Police Department Focus Group with Cpt. Jon Zumalt, Internal Affairs. Bob wasn't expecting the subject to be Internal Affairs. Andy was impressed with the leadership. The Department is working on their image in the community and the public's perception of their accountability. Miller had made the suggestion to change the current reporting procedure of reporting problems in an area to the area's substation. His recommendation is to have a central number to report all problems to remove the issue from the substation area where the event occurred. His recommendation prevents the reporter from talking to a local supervisor.

Action: Receive and file.

Neighborhood University

Council Member Martz asked for volunteers to attend the event to participate in a District Advisory Board Roundtable discussion. Fran Hoggatt volunteered.

Action: No action required.

Council Member Remarks

Council Member Martz complimented the Board Members on their professionalism and noted with pride the compliments received from the people who present issues to the Board.

Adjournment

With no further business, **Council Member Martz** adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant
As reported by Fran Hoggatt

Guests

Emil Beilman	1720 S. Lark Lane
Doyle Oneslager	1724 S. Lark Lane
Daniel Johnson	1660 S. Lark Lane
Eugene Swanson	1820 S. Lark Lane
Floyd & Wanda Sears	1900 S. Lark Lane
Ruth C. McGuyre	1920 S. Lark Lane
Pat Pile	1921 S. Turner – Stoney Point
Gerry & Mandy Cook	6111 S. 29 th St. North
Mark & Deborah Clark	1614 Robin Circle
Willie Fortier	1652 Northwest Parkway
Dave Gordon	2614 N. North Shore Court
Coayle & Megan Pauly	2610 N. North Shore Court
Alan Johnson	10616 Carr
Janet K. Bouilly	2768 N. North Shore Court
Dennis & Jelene Grady	2744 N. North Shore Court
Greg & Angie Bowman	2987 N. Hoover
John Didier	1750 Maize Road – PCP Co.
George Walta	10630 Carr
Mike George	2717 N. North Shore Court
Jeff Dumcum	1843 S. Turner
Jack Dumcum	10629 Carr
Janet Gordon	2614 N. North Shore Court
Mark Bauer	2615 N. Hoover
Shane & Diane Gerber	2621 North Shore Court
Mark & Holly Rebwinkel	2919 N. Hoover Road
Carolyn & Larry Bedford	2606 North Shore Court
Shelly & Bill Moore	2764 N. North Shore Court
Jan & Steve Bryant	2748 N. North Shore Court
Kevin Sherman	2646 N. North Shore Court
Charles & Teresa Schmidt	10615 Carr
Andrew Spry	2642 N. North Shore Circle
Trish & Rick Seng	2736 North Shore Court
Enrique & Mary Cortez	2806 North Shore Circle
Matthew Livingston	2705 North Shore Circle
Mike Harbour	2713 North Shore Circle